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# United States Is Alarmed

LONG WAR PREDICTED -- FOOD TO BE SEIZED

# ALARMING U. S.

Four Hundred Thousand Tons of Shipping Sunk by Germans in Week.

SERIOUS PROBLEM

Study of Inventions to Combat Enemy Submarines Being Diligently Pursued.

WASHINGTON, May 2 .- Secretary Lane told the governors conferring here today with the council of national defense on the part state governments will take in the war, that the federal government had heard 400, 600 tons of shipping had been sunk in the last week by German submarines. The destruction, Secretary Lane said, was not only threatening the existence of England and France, but was alarming the United States. Study of inventions to combat the subma tine menace is being diligently purmed in the interior department, he

Secretary Lane declared he believed the war would last several years and that every resource of the country must be brought into place to bring t to a successful conclusion.

"Many persons thought," said Sec retary Lane, "that all we had to do was to issue bonds and that Germany would bow her head in submission. Nothing could be farther from We do not know when this war will end. It may not be a one year war. Personally, I believe it will last several years.

Hoover Informs U. S. Herbert C. Hoover has informed this government that Germany has food enough to last two years, per-

"Germany has put up the greatest fight of history and she has the advantage of now fighting a defensive warfare. Don't go back home and inspire your people with the thought that immediate action can bring this war to an immediate end. Your people must look to this year's crop and next year's crop, and the next after

"We can't afford to fail in this war. Every man in the country is involved In this work and every man in the cuntry is a soldier."

The United States must build ships as rapidly as possible, Lane told the

"If we don't fight the war on the other side," he said, "we shall have to fight it on this side of the Atlantic."

Lane Warns People. Secretary Lane warned his hearers against discontent and attack on the government. Always, he said, there is dissatisfaction with those who are drecting a war and he urged his hearers to base their criticism on facts

Secretary Baker asked the state representatives to co-operate with the government in putting into operation the army draft law. He told of mili-tary and industrial preparations, and described difficulties the government faces in raising the greatest army in the history of the country, and of the seed of supplies, especially farm pro-

States Should Aid.

The states, Secretary Baker said, support to the draft, aiding recruiting and seeing to it that proper exempas are enforced and that men needed at home are not sent into the army "We are not going to work." said, "with our right hand or our left hand, but with both hands, and every

man in the country can aid. Secretary Daniels asked the aid of he states in recruiting the naval peronnel to 150,000 men, after the new

bill is passed. Later, at the state department, Secetary Lansing, in response to in-

"It may as well be recognized that he submarine situation is very se-

sion of Part of Nation's Supply, Says an Official.

CHICAGO, May 2.—Plans to seize a a part of the nation's food supply being considered by the United es government. This was admittoday by District Attorney C. F. days district attorneys from the sissippi valley have conferred in hicago on means of taking over the

He declared that any further information must come from Washington. no victims."

FRENCH COMMISSIONERS SNAPPED WITH SECRETARY LANSING IN WASHINGTON



Left to right: Secretary Lansing, General Joffre and M. Viviani,

Captain Harris Reports Five Made Efforts to Embroil Gunners, Third Mate and and Japan. Boatswain Saved

LIEUTENANT LOST FOMENTED STRIKES

Explosion on the Vacuum Was Terrific.

LIVERPOOL, May 2, 3:10 p. m.— The safety of Captain Harris, five gunners and the third mate and boatswain of the American tank ship Vacuum, all of whom had been given up for lost, was made known by the captain himself in a telegram received today by the American consul H. L. Washing-

This telegram reduces the loss of creases to eight the number of gun-ners saved. It also places the loss C. Hammond, an advertising man, from the crew at eighteen and the who said Rintelen came to him with saved at eighteen.

the first definite news of the loss of gave the department of justice at the an assist the government by giving Lieutenant Thomas, U. S. N., and the time. death from exposure of F. H. Loree, but did not tell how the survivors reached land

Explosion Was Terrific.

Leslie Hatton, the wireless operat-or, of Niagara, Wis., who, from the wireless hut, saw the wake of a torpedo and the periscope of a subma-rine, said the explosion was so terri-fic that it blew a hole right up through the ship abaft the engine room and put the wireless dynamo out of com-

"I therefore," the operator added was unable to send wireless calls When we were in the small boat, the and made a square hit with the first shell on the wireless hut, shattering it." submarine appeared on the surface

Frank J. Yerney, the second mate, who lost his life when the Vacuum went down, was making his first trip after the torpedoing of the American steamship Algonquin, last March. Yerney was also second mate on that ves-

### Government to Take Posses- ENEMY AIRPLANES RAID ITALIAN TOWN

ROME, May 1, via Paris, May 2. An official announcement today says:
"Enemy airplanes last night raided Villa Vicentina. Immediately a squadtoday by District Attorney C. F. Villa Vicentina. Immediately a squadlate their "conscientious obedience to
late their "conscientious visible effect enemy sheds in the control of the co bases intact. An enemy airplane also

United States With Mexico

One Death From Exposure- Planned a Pro-German Publicity Campaign and Conspired With Seven Others.

NEW YORK, May 2 .- Efforts to embroil this country with Mexico and Japan so as to stop the shipment of munitions from the United States to the entente allies were, by his own as sertion, made by Captain Franz Rintelen of the German navy, according to testimony given here today at his trial on a charge of conspiring with seven other men. Americans, to folife to twenty-three, about thirteen of ment strikes in munition factories and this number being Americans. It in on docks.

a plan to carry on a pro-German pub The captain's meager telegram gave licity campaign, details of which

Constantinople Reports Russian Evacuation of Important Position in Armenia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Tuesday, May next few months. via London, May 2, 1:50 p. m.—The As an immen evacuation by the Russians of Mush, in Turkish Armenia, is announced by Teutonic emissaries, but no credence the war office. The town has been is being placed in their acceptability. occupied by the Turks.

Mush is an important town eightythree miles southeast of Erzerum, for ty miles west of Lake Van.

The Russians have been in possession of virtually all of Turkish Arme- that plan than against any other pronia since last year and there has been posal. no indication of any change in the military situation which would cause them to retire.

ADVENTISTS FEAR WAR WASHINGTON, May 2 .- Seventh Adventists, fearing misunderstanding of the declaration filed with the war department asking exemption habit-forming drugs in the United from military service which would vio. States has been reduced many-fold unpopulation," said in part:

PETROGRAD, via London, May 1, of the Reichstag Herr Naunann, lecturing on the "influence of the war on inaugurated its first great May day from military service which would vio. States has been reduced many-fold unpopulation," said in part: raided Vallona yesterday, doing insig-nificant material damage. There were which would not violate their convic-druggists',

# SENT TO FRANCE

French Commission Recommends Participation of Americans in Fighting Germans.

HAVE MORAL EFFECT

Food Shipments Must Go First -Troops Would Divert 500,000 Tons.

WASHINGTON, May 2 - The French commissioners today had assurance that the American govern-ment is willing to send troops to France—one of the urgent recommendations they brought to this country-when the allies believe they can afford to spare the necessary ships for trans porting an army and its equipment across the Atlantic.

The administration has put aside the objections of the army general staff to sending any troops to the battle front until a big force has been raised and trained for nearly a year, and has decided that for the sake of the moral effect of America's actual participation in trench battling a small contingent shall go forward as soon

This will be soon, it is believed although the government is mindful that nearly 500,000 tons of shipping would be required for a regular army unit of 24,000 men, and that this amount would have to be diverted from car

Governmental Methods Clearly Proven Failure-Bureaucratic Barriers Must Be Removed.

AMSTERDAM, via London, May 2, 25 a. m .- The Hamburger Fremdenblatt has come to the conclusion that the German political system is a failure and must be changed.

The paper says: There is no use theorizing. There is something wrong with our governmental system, as is clearly proved by Germany's political failures and in fact by the whole war. Fresh blood must be infused in the government."

The Fremdenblatt advocates the removal of the bureaucratic barriers in order to allow the parliament and government ernment to work in closer touch.

Will Help Work Out Arrangements for Shipping, Munitions, Food and Trade.

ten days longer. Then the party will partially repulsed. leave for New York and possibly a "In the Champagne the artillery short trip into the middlewest. Sev-fighting attained a degree of violence force the staff of the British embassy. in which we made progress, munitions, food and trade expert. Berlin brought forth the statement with material.

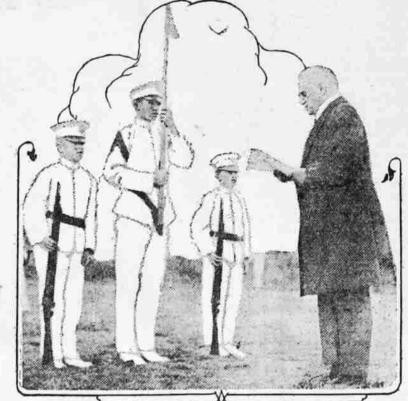
from the mission today that a series of feelers were expected during the rons threw projectiles on the military As an immense amount of quiet peace efforts has been under way by

Germany was stated to have made advances proposing surrendering her conquests in the east and west on condition of retaining her Balkan way to Bagdad and Mesopotamia, but the allies have been more united against

## TRAFFIC IN HABIT-

was attended by representatives and physicians' organizations.

### HAWAIIAN YOUTHS LOYAL TO THE FLAG



Gov. Pinkham of Hawaii presenting a new flag to the color squad of the boys' brigade of the government high schol at Honolulu.

North of Oituz Valley Repulsed With Heavy Loss.

BERLIN, May 2, via London, 4:55 p. m.—Severe fighting was begun on the miral Chocheprat, representing Rumanian front yesterday. The war ministry of marine in the French mis office announces that a Russian attack sion here, issued a statement today on the heights north of the Oituz val- which, in part, follows: ley was repulsed and that heavy losses were inflicted by the Germans.

Assaults Only Partially Repulsed by Troops-Violent Fighting in Champagne.

Air Squadrons Throw Projectiles on Military Establishments of Germans.

PARIS. May 2, 2:07 p. m .- The Ger mans made several attacks last night on the Aisne front. Today's official announcement says they were partial ly repulsed by French machine gun fire and grenades. In the Champagne the French made progress.

The statement follows: "Near Chemin-des-Dames the artil ery was fairly active. On the Cerny Hurtebise-Craonne front the enemy WASHINGTON, May 2 .- The Brit- made several attacks on our trenches ish mission expects to be here at least and small posts. The attacks were

"In the Champagne the artillery eral experts will remain permanently in the sectors of Mont Cornillet and in Washington to help work out the Mont Haut. Grenade fighting occurred arrangement agreed upon and to rein- in the wood west of Mont Cornillet Included would probably be a shipping, Eparges our detachments penetrated the German lines at several points, de-Reports of fresh peace offers from stroying defense works and returning "On Monday night French air squad-

establishments at Lacon, Vouzieres and Rethel.

AMSTERDAM, via London, May 2. 7:55 a. m.—One million, three hundred thousand Germans have perished in the war, according to a statement made by Joseph Friedrich Nau nann, formerly a conservative member

manufacturing chemists' bled as never since the thirty years rades.

Russian Attack on Heights Great Problems Before Allied Nations-Closest Possible Co-operation Needed.

> WASHINGTON, May 2.-Vice Ad-"The United States is in possession

of the most powerful fleet in the world next to the British, and this is bound to weigh heavily in hastening the day when final victory will be wrung from "You must not expect me to discuss

in detail our general war plans, especially as regards our campaign against enemy submarines. I need only say "You will understand that I have

fully and frankly explained these prob-lems to your high naval officials. I stroyed in a year and a half. have every reason to hope that we shall succeed in establishing the closest possible co-operation between the est possible co-operation between the cording to the Central News, the Nor-American allied navies for the assur-wegian foreign office has announced ance of the freedom of the seas, the the sinking of the Norwegian steamprotection of trade and the triumph of ers Hectoria and Langland by German

Conferences between the members of the mission and representatives of the United States continued

Eleven Officers and 35 Men From Steamships at Samoa Are Confined.

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa, Apil 16.- (Correspondence of the Associated Press).-Information that a ing operations on the Franco-Belgian state of war had been declared between the United States and Germany was made public here by Commander John M. Poyer, the governor of American Samoa, Saturday, April 7, after the two German ships in the harbor had been seized by naval detachments The vessels are the steamships Elsass. 6,591 tons, and the Solf, 3,408 tons The machinery of the boats was prac tically undamaged.

The eleven officers and 35 men of the crews of the two vessels were a breakfast when the bluejackets boarded them without warning. They were removed to the shore, where the in terrupted breakfast was continued The officers have been given quarters in the station barracks and the sail ors confined in the building used by the island government as a jail.

BIG MAY DAY FETE.

PETROGRAD, via London, May 1 more than 2,000,000. The nation has million persons participated in the pa The government had preclaimed the day a general holiday,

German Submarines Sends Down Steamship Rockingham-Thirteen Missing.

TWO BOATS ARE SAVED

Thirty-three of Crew Picked Up by Patrol-En Route to Liverpool.

LONDON, May 2, 6:14 p. m. - The American steamer Rockingham has been sunk by a German submarine.

Thirteen men are missing. Two boats containing thirty-three men were picked up yesterday by a patrol vessel. One boat containing 13 men is missing The Rockingham carried guns and

United States naval crew when she

left Baltimore, her owners said. NEW YORK, May 2.-The American steamship Rockingham, formerly the steamship Nebraskan, was of 4,408 tons gross. She was built at Camden, N. J., in 1902 and was owned by the Garland steamship corporation. It was announced by officers of the corporation here that the Rockingham left Baltimore April 19 for Liverpool under command of Captain Charles Edwards of Brooklyn. Captain Ed-

wards is a naturalized American of English birth. The Rockingham carried forty-nine men, including many Americans. The crew numbered thirty-six, and the naal contingent consisted of a lieutenant and twelve men. The value of the ship and her general cargo was \$3,-250,000. The vessel was due in Liv-

erpool today.

Seventy-five Norwegian Vessels Sunk and Over 100 Sailors' Lives Lost in April.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, May 2, via London, 11:22 a. m .- Seventy-five Norwegian vessels were sunk by German that that is a question claiming pri- submarines in April and more than 100 sailors lost their lives. monthly loss was maintained

> LONDON, May 2, 11:20 a m .- Acsubmarines. The crews were saved.

Both Sides Active at Various Points Between Lens and St. Quentin.

LONDON, May 2, 1:42 p. m.—"Both the artilleries were active during the night at a number of points on our front between St. Quentin and Lens,' says today's official statement regard-

'In the neighborhood of Fauquissart German raiding party was repulsed, Otherwise nothing occurred."

BENEVOLENT ORDER AMERICAN SCOUTS

The first meeting of Benevolent Order of American Scouts will be held at Eagle Hall, 2437 Hudson Ave., at 8 p. m. Monday evening, May 7th. All members are requested to be present at this meeting. It is desired that all members get acquainted and gain a full understanding of just what this society is offering in the line of unusual advantages to those who join its ranks.

E. J. SPOONER, Chief Scout.